

Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



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5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Public Health
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Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Larry Stähli	Rose Conner	Jen Hawkins	Jeff Daniel
Edie Payette	Don Welsh	Boni Lowney	Cheri Tomlinson
Carmen Hair	Dan Lindell	Mark Kezios	Randall Furrow
Bonnie Ott	Darrel Dormley	Audrey ?	Debby Elliott

Support Staff: John Sapero

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Larry Stähli called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Boni Lowney and Bonnie Ott both announced they would like to join the Committee.

Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes from the April 21, 2010 meeting. Cheri Tomlinson discussed that the Kids Care program would not have new eligibility guidelines, but rather, enrollment would be capped and no new clients would be enrolled in the program.

Chair update

Larry Stähli discussed Proposition 100 passed, which would provide some financial relief for State healthcare services.

Funding is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Ryan White Treatment Extension Act of 2009 and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

All of the documents discussed may be requested from Planning Council Support.

Administrative Agent update

Rose Conner discussed the following:

- The recent all-provider meeting was well attended. The MAI plan recently approved by the Council was presented
- The AA's office is still working on closing out GY 2009
- Several providers have informed the AA's office that utilization has increased such that they may exhaust their Part A funding by September
- Part B is experiencing utilization increases as well
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Update: EMA-wide needs assessment

Jeff Daniel provided an overview of the progress of the EMA-wide needs assessment:

- 466 of the 500 needed surveys are completed
- Youth surveys are being gathered – over 20 youth are scheduled to complete the survey
- Hispanic, American Indian, and the African American population is being oversampled, as are women
- There is a trend toward older individuals completing the survey. Recruitment efforts are focused on engaging younger individuals
- The final report will be presented at the GY 2010 PSRA data presentation
- Information will be shared with other Ryan White entities in the EMA

Cheri Tomlinson offered to provide contact information for providers serving HIV positive youth.

Part B/ADAP update and new and emerging issues

Rose Conner discussed:

- Part B has applied for supplemental funding
- The 2010 grant includes conditions of award related to eligibility determination/ health reform issues
- Part B has experienced a significant increase in clients over the past three months
- Part A will transfer \$264,000 from GY 2010 allocations

John Sapero related that ADAP is restructuring their documentation processes.

Discussion: Potential effects of healthcare reform legislation on HIV services

Cheri Tomlinson discussed there was an opportunity for the CHPS and Education & Empowerment Committees to provide education to providers and consumers about how healthcare reform will impact their care and service delivery.

Cheri related that the Ryan White All Grantees Conference will occur in August, and it is expected that there will be workshops/speakers presenting on healthcare reform.

Mark Kezios asked if the proposed high risk pool will eliminate AHCCCS plans? Cheri Tomlinson discussed that high risk pools and Medicaid are two different programs. Don Welsh discussed that Arizona does not have a high risk pool, and other states that do have had challenges with costs and rules.

There was discussion regarding federal healthcare reform.

Planned growth in HIV services

Part C

Boni Lowney discussed there was an overall unduplicated increase of 9% (people receiving Part D services in Maricopa County). There is a 15% increase in women accessing services.

There is a 19% increase in women receiving care at McDowell Clinic, and a 34% increase in youth. Combined, this is a 21% increase over last year. Care Directions showed an 8% increase, and Phoenix Children's Hospital is 11%.

Part D

Cheri Tomlinson discussed that Ryan White Part D has experienced 62 new clients in the first quarter of the year (compared to 50 in Q1 of 2009).

McDowell Clinic

Cheri Tomlinson discussed that Ryan White Part D has experienced 187 new clients in the first quarter of the year (compared to 129 in Q1 of 2009). Ryan White clients make up about 35% of patients at the McDowell Clinic.

Mark Kezios asked in any payer sources have lowered their reimbursement rate. Cheri Tomlinson responded that Medicare has lowered their rate.

HIV Positivity Rate

Cheri Tomlinson related that last year's average was 4.6%. In one month last year, it was over 10%. The newly diagnosed make up a large portion of the new clients at McDowell Clinic.

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Don Welsh discussed that AHCCCS are significantly more likely to go to McDowell Clinic for services, based on the quality of care offered. Jeff Daniel discussed that the initial needs assessment findings support this.

John Sapero discussed the Maricopa County Clinic has not seen an increase in their positivity rate, but they have experienced an increase in the number of people seeking testing.

Rose Conner related that the four service categories experiencing increased need are Oral Health Services, Case Management, Nutrition Services and Food Boxes/Home-Delivered Meals.

There was discussion regarding how HIV testing was conducted in the EMA. Jeff Daniel noted about 50% of respondents to the needs assessment tested positive for HIV during a visit to an emergency room.

Discussion: Emerging HIV issues

Rose Conner discussed that State mental health services may be reduced due to funding issues. Debby Elliott related that State clients will have services reduced to only medications and limited care to prescribe medications. This will mean that these clients will become eligible for Part A case management and other services.

Cheri Tomlinson discussed that 74% of clients at McDowell Clinic have an AIDS diagnosis.

Debby Elliott discussed that the refugee population diagnosed with HIV is increasing, and are entering health care with significant health issues.

Agenda items for the next meeting

The committee determined to not hold a meeting in June.

July agenda items:

Current ongoing agenda items

SB 1070 issues/impact

Healthcare Reform issues and local funding/programmatic issues

Discussion regarding client growth in all HIV services

Current events summaries

Cheri Tomlinson discussed Dr. Jason Haukoos will present an update on HIV testing in EDs on June 3rd.

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Call to the public

John Saperro thanked the Administrative Agency for allowing him to present at the Part A provider meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:51 pm.